



## **RN01 Research Network on Ageing in Europe – Biennial Report 2020-2021**

### Coordinators and Board:

#### *Previous (2019-2021):*

- Coordinator: Edward Tolhurst - Staffordshire University, UK
- Co-Coordinator: Lucie Galčanová Batista - Masaryk University, Czech Republic
  
- Jenni Spännäri - Helsinki University, Finland
- Justyna Stypinska - Freie University Berlin, Germany
- Anna Urbaniak - Irish Centre for Social Gerontology, Galway, Ireland
- Amílcar Manuel Reis Moreira - University of Lisbon, Portugal
- Konrad Turek - University of Amsterdam / Netherlands Interdisciplinary Demographic Institute (NIDI), The Netherlands
- Outi Jolanki - University of Tampere / University of Jyväskylä, Finland
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- Ruxandra Oana Ciobanu, University of Geneva, Switzerland
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- Sunwoo Lee, Charles University, Czech Republic
- Andrea Schmidt, Austrian Public Health Institute, Austria

## Activities:

### **1) Midterm Conference**

**ESA RN01 Ageing in Europe Midterm Conference 2021, 'Places, spaces and cultures of ageing' was held online 20th - 22nd January.**

The conference was organized was influenced by the COVID-19 pandemic – originally planned for August 2020, it was postponed to January 2021 and switched to a fully online mode. The conference was organized by the Department of Social Sciences and Philosophy, the University of Jyväskylä in cooperation with the Centre of Excellence in Research on Ageing and Care (CoE AgeCare). Local conference team was led by RN01 board members Outi Jolanki and Jenni Spännäri. The conference was a success with 150 participants from 25 countries and 119 presentations in 31 paper sessions. The conference has 6 distinguished key-note speakers: Professor Shereen Hussein, Professor Tine Rostgaard, Associate Professor Ruth Bartlett, director Päivi Topo, Professor Emerita Ricca Edmondson and Honorary Associate Chris Gilleard. More information can be found on the conference webpage: <https://www.jyu.fi/en/>.

### **2) ESA Conference, Barcelona, 31st August to 3rd September 2021**

At the hybrid ESA Conference in Barcelona, the presence of the RN01 was online. We organized 27 network sessions, with 94 scheduled presentations within the ESA conference. We organized a Midday Special dedicated to a “Relational ageing in a future shaped by pandemic” with Esther Ramsay-Jones from Open University, United Kingdom, and Bernhard Weicht from the University of Innsbruck, Austria. A special evening session has also been organized by Jenni Spännäri and Edward Tolhurst to recognize Ricca Edmondson's contribution to sociology and ageing research, titled “Ricca Edmondson: A Celebration of Her Contribution to Sociology and Ageing Research”.

We organized five joint sessions, with RN21 Quantitative Methods, RN13 Sociology of Family and Intimate Lives, RN22 Sociology of Risk and Uncertainty, RN35 Sociology of Migration, and RN37 Urban Sociology.

### **3) Website**

The Network had a website <http://ageing-in-europe.net>. The content of the webpage was updated and transferred to the central page of ESA where all the essential information about the network is available <https://www.europeansociology.org/research-networks/rn01-ageing-europe>.

### **4) Newsletter**

The RN's newsletter is published two or three times a year. The newsletter is received by

over 1300 subscribers to our mailing list via JISC mail. All (recent and past) editions of the newsletter can be found in the report section of the network website.

### **5) Mailing List**

Apart from receiving the newsletter, subscribers to the mailing list can also share other information on research on ageing, job offers or publications. Almost 1500 people are signed up to the mailing list.

### **6) Social Networking**

The Board is engaged with several social networking platforms: Facebook (240 followers), LinkedIn (33 members) and Twitter (1398 followers).

<https://www.facebook.com/ageingineurope/>

<https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8559296/>

[https://twitter.com/esa\\_ageing](https://twitter.com/esa_ageing)

### **7) Membership**

The network has about 109 members (in November 2021). We actively promote the membership via our social media and web page.

### **8) Event plans**

For the 2021 - 2023 period we are planning the following events:

- RN01 Midterm Conference, 13th – 15th July 2022, Vienna, Austria (to be announced), titled: “Ageing in Europe: Towards More Inclusive Societies, Research and Policy”. The conference will be hosted by the University of Vienna (Anna Urbaniak serves as organizing secretary) with support from the Vienna Meeting Fund. Vitalija Gaucaite Wittich, Liat Ayalon and Ricardo Rodrigues accepted our invitation as keynotes. We plan for an on-site event. However, we have an alternative plan for an online form (not hybrid) in case the local pandemic measures will prevent a face-to-face event.
- We also plan to establish a new award dedicated to Prof. Ricca Edmondson, aiming at advancing the legacy of Ricca by awarding a published article by an early career researcher (where a humanistic approach to ageing studies and reflection of the significance of the work to older persons is exceptionally well-articulated). (currently under negotiation)
- PhD Workshop, 11th-13th July 2022 preceding the Midterm Conference with four (currently confirmed) mentors: Jenni Spännari, Ricardo Rodrigues, Dirk Jarre and Iva Holmerová).

## 9) Advisory Group

The Research Network on Ageing in Europe has an advisory group. This includes previous Coordinators or Co-coordinators that have contributed substantially to the Network.

Members of the advisory group are as follows:

- Dirk Hofäcker, University Duisburg-Essen, Germany
- Kathrin Komp, University of Helsinki, Finland
- Harald Künemund, University of Vechta, Germany
- Andreas Motel-Klingebiel, Linköping University, Sweden
- Edward Tolhurst - Staffordshire University, UK
- Bernhard Weicht, University of Innsbruck, Austria

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